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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the  
application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 4, line 22 with the following  
rewritten paragraph:

A1 --Fig. 2h is a flow diagram illustrating an exemplary encryption routine  
according to the invention;--

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 5, line 16 with the following  
rewritten paragraph:

A2 --Figs. 6a-6d are various perspective views of a hybrid reader unit which may  
be incorporated in a transaction terminal according to the invention;--

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the  
specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned  
**"Version with markings to show changes made."**

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call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.